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CHEROKEE: FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT

-- FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TUESDAY'S EVENING REPORT:

-- 1. POSITION OF NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON NON-PROLIFERA-
TION. OUR EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI HAS SUPPLIED A CAUTIOUS
READING OF PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S PRESS STATEMENT THAT:
"WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT ALL. THAT POLICY
STANDS. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A
NUCLEAR EXPLOSION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, BUT IF IT IS NOT
NECESSARY IT SHOULD NEVER BE DONE."

-- FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA, OUR
EMBASSY CABLED THAT THEY DOUBT THERE WILL BE A BASIC CHANGE
IN INDIAN NUCLEAR POLICY. WE NEED TO TEST THIS JUDGEMENT
AND TO INFLUENCE THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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I WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO WHEN I SEE THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, JUST BEFORE HE RETURNS TO DELHI FOR
CONSULTATIONS.

-- 2. AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS. WE HAVE CABLED HOST
GOVERNMENTS TODAY REQUESTING THEIR AGREEMENT ON AN
URGENT BASIS TO THE FOLLOWING AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS

(AN ASTERISK AFTER THE NAME CONNOTES A CAREER OFFICER):

ALGERIA/ULRIC HAYNES JAPAN/MIKE MANSFIELD
AUSTRALIA/PHILIP ALSTON KENYA/WILBERT LEMELLE
BELGIUM/ANNE COX CHAMBERS NATO/W.TAPLEY BENNETT #
CAMEROON/MABEL SMYTHE PAKISTAN/GEORGE S. VEST #
GREAT BRITAIN/KINGMAN BREWSTER TURKEY/RONALD SPIERS #
INDIA/ROBERT F. GOHEEN
IRAN/WILLIAM SULLIVAN #
ISRAEL/SAMUEL W. LEWIS #

-- WE CAN INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CAREER APPOINTMENTS TO BE
ANNOUNCED WITH THIS PACKAGE IF YOU WISH.

-- 3. SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. AS YOU MAY
KNOW, FIVE LATIN GOVERNMENTS "REJECTED" AMERICAN MILITARY
ASSISTANCE BASED ON THE SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF THE
REQUIRED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE
THAT FOUR OF THE FIVE SEEM TO BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS
ABOUT TURNING THEIR BACKS ON AMERICAN MILITARY AID.

-- ALTHOUGH THE ARGENTINES TURNED DOWN OUR FY 78 FOREIGN
MILITARY SALES (FMS) CREDIT PROGRAM OF \$15 MILLION, THEY
STILL WANT TO RECEIVE \$700,000 IN GRANT TRAINING. THEY
ALSO WANT TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR OVER \$30 MILLION IN
UNOBLIGATED FY 77 FUNDS, BUT WE HAVE REFUSED THUS FAR TO
HONOR THEIR REQUESTS BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS
IN THAT COUNTRY.

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-- WE HAVE BEGUN TO RECEIVE INDICATIONS THAT BRAZIL DIDN'T
REALIZE THAT ITS REJECTION OF THE \$50 MILLION CREDITS FOR
FY 78 MEANT THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASH SALES PROGRAM. THEY MAY
ASK PERMISSION TO BUY SPARE PARTS FOR AMERICAN F-5E FIGHTERS
AND NAVAL EQUIPMENT, DRAWING ON UNOBLIGATED FY 77 MONEY.

-- EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA ARE NOW HEDGING ON THEIR
INITIAL REFUSALS TO PARTICIPATE IN RATHER SMALL CREDIT AND
TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FY 78 AND UNOBLIGATED FY 77 MONEY.

-- WE HAVE TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT WE ARE NOT NOW ASKING
THAT THE FY 78 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THESE COUNTRIES BE WITH-
DRAWN. WE PREFER TO LET THE SITUATION SETTLE DOWN AND
ASSESS OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS AT A LATER DATE. HOW-
EVER, THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
IS SUCH THAT SOME OF THESE FY 78 PROGRAMS MAY BE ELIMINATED

ALTHOUGH WE DOUBT THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD ELIMINATE THE

FY 77 FUNDS STILL IN THE PIPELINES.

-- 4. FOLLOW UP TO FUKUDA VISIT. WITH JIM SCHLESINGER'S CONCURRENCE, WE ARE INITIATING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL ON THE REPROCESSING FACILITY AT TOKAI. THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL TRY TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN EVENTUAL MEETING BETWEEN JIM AND THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF SCIENCE.

-- 5. PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM MANILA, HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE RESUME MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. HE SAID THAT MARCOS STILL WANTS A CLARIFICATION OF THE EXTENT OF THE U.S. COMMITMENT UNDER THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY TO DEFEND THE PHILIPPINES AGAINST EXTERNAL ATTACKS. WE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT A "CLARIFICATION" WOULD PROVE HELPFUL TO MARCOS BECAUSE OF THE EVOLUTION OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES AND OTHER FACTORS, BUT WE NOTED
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A RESUMPTION IN NEGOTIATIONS IN THAT PERIOD SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US.

-- 6. MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS ADJOURNING ITS DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST THIS EVENING WITHOUT TAKING SUBSTANTIVE ACTION. WE HAVE THUS AVOIDED A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION WITH THE EGYPTIANS ON THE EVE OF SADAT'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE EGYPTIANS ELUCTANTLY AGREED TO THE ADJOURNMENT AFTER IT BECAME APPARENT THAT WE WOULD NOT APPROVE THE TEXT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE CONSENSUS STATEMENT THEY WANTED. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE.
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